

## BOOK NOTICE

*Green Treasury*. By Edwin Way Teale. Dodd, Mead and Company. New York City, N. Y., Dec. 1952.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$  inches. xxii + 615 p. \$5.00.

"Green Treasury" is an anthology of nature writing consisting of one hundred eighty-two selections of writings from Aristotle and Pliny to Rachel Carson. This is an anthology in the true sense of the word, for the collection contains the classics of the great naturalists. Outstanding contributions from some eighty-seven authors and from all parts of the world are included.

The selections, mostly of one or two pages in length, are grouped into eleven chapters containing items composed around the same subject. The following chapters are formed: The Waters, The Land, The Sky, Night and Day, The Seasons, Plants, Animals, Reptiles, Insects, Birds and Man and Nature.

This book should be of real value in introducing the subjects of natural history and naturalists to the uninitiated. And the naturalist, among others, is also provided with a wealth of inspiration and reference in very compact form. This is of real importance in this day of hustle and television.

It was interesting to note that Henry D. Thoreau is represented by twelve items for a total of forty pages. The longest article, "The Moose Hunt," taken from *The Maine Woods* is only twelve pages in length. These extracts from Thoreau's writings are admirable introductions to his work, as are the eight articles for a total of thirty pages from the works of William Henry Hudson.

"Green Treasury" is an excellent and valuable addition to Teale's growing list of excellent and valuable books.—F. A. S.